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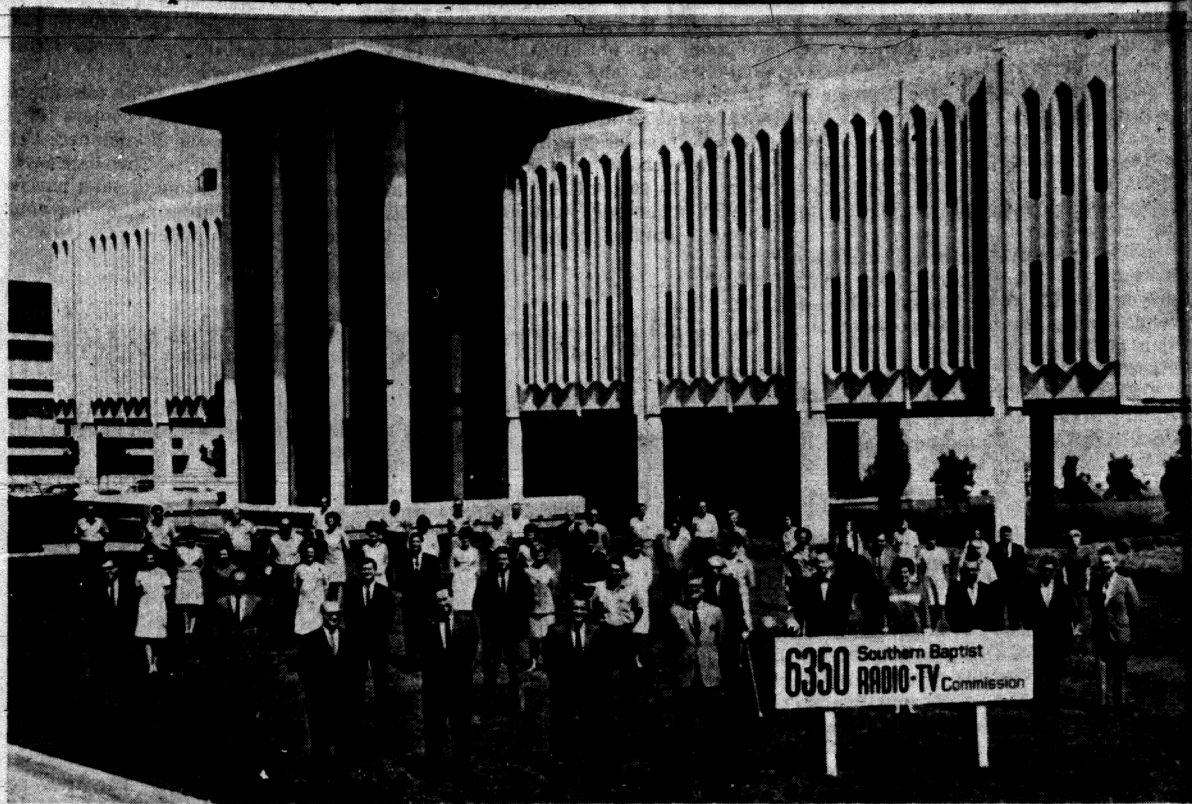
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THE ABOVE PHOTO showing the administrative staff and employees was taken two years ago during the 30th anniversary of the SBC Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

Sullivan Warns Baptists Of Church Taxes

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)—Calling taxation of churches "inevitable," the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board told students and faculty members at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here that the churches might as well get ready to pay taxes.

"Brace yourselves," said James L. Sullivan of Nashville. "The time is coming 'in the foreseeable future' when churches will have to pay taxes."

Sullivan added that along with taxation, churches will face in the near future the trauma of urbanization and a stripping away of traditional worship and methods, unless they plan "for the foreseeable future."

He predicted that churches will be compacted among business and will have to be built several stories tall, instead of the traditional building of a church plant at ground level.

Taxation and urbanization will be just two manifestations of a rapidly changing, heavily populated and complex U.S.A., Sullivan said.

The day will come when there will be one long city from Seattle, Wash., to San Diego, Calif., he continued. This pattern of urbanization will be repeated throughout major portions of the United States, Sullivan added.

Population increases, changes in industry and segmentation among age groups will contribute greatly to the need for churches to change or be left behind the rest of society. The changes must come about in terms of methods of presenting the gospel, scheduling times of worship to meet the needs and working schedules of the community, he said.

The one concept of Southern Baptist life that must remain the same is (Continued On Page 2)

Royal Ambassador Week To Be Held November 7-13

More than 10,000 Southern Baptist churches are expected to honor almost 300,000 Royal Ambassadors during Royal Ambassador Week, November 7-13.

Emphasizing the importance of the mission organization to local churches, Royal Ambassadors will celebrate Royal Ambassador Week by helping in worship services, singing in Royal Ambassador choirs, and participating in special mission action projects and Royal Ambassador recognition services.

State and local officials are expected to acknowledge the importance of Royal Ambassadors during Royal Ambassador Week. Last year the governor of Tennessee officially proclaimed the first week in November as Royal Ambassador Week for the state.

Mayors of several large cities, as well as other state officials have also acknowledged Royal Ambassador Week by proclamation.

In addition to state-wide recognition, this year's Royal Ambassador Week emphasized a continued growth in mission interest among Baptist (Continued On Page 2)

Reaching Around The World

An Editorial Report

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Southern Baptists could have one mission agency which could preach the gospel to people all over America and to all the nations of the world at the same time?

—An agency that would appeal to both young and old; to little children; to youth; to people in the prime of life; to mature adults who are moving toward retirement; to the senior adults who no longer walk in the main stream?

—An agency that could direct its message both to those in the churches and to the great hosts of those on the outside who have no interest in spiritual things, and who never darken the church doors?

—An agency which could witness in many languages; could cross international borders; could even go through forbidden doors where most missionary personnel are barred from entering?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have such a missionary force? "Yes, it would be, but the idea is an impossibility! There is no way that all of this could be done!" may be your reply.

The truth is, however, that it can be done, and it is being done. And, by a Southern Baptist agency!

It is being done by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Under the dynamic direction of Dr. Paul Stevens, this agency literally is preaching the gospel across the earth.

Of course it is just one of the several missionary agencies of Southern Baptists which share gloriously in the spread of the gospel. Nevertheless I have just had opportunity to see how outstanding is the work of this agency, and I feel that I must tell about it.

Week before last I spent two days attending the semi-annual (Continued On Page 4)

Billy Graham Bars 'Strings' On Any Crusade In Rome

ROME (RNS)—Billy Graham has promised "to think about" a proposed crusade in Rome, the city of the Popes, but he will not permit any "strings" or conditions on any evangelism campaign he conducts in Italy.

At a press conference, the American evangelist recalled that the invitation extended to him by Italian Protestants laid down the condition that during or after a crusade he would not meet with Vatican officials, including the Pope.

"If I come," he said, "I will come with no strings on me. I will consult with the committee about appointments, but if they try to influence me in any way, I will make my own decisions."

Asked by newsmen if he would like to visit Pope Paul, the evangelist said this was an "important question." He declined to answer at the moment because, he said, "it might seem that I am trying to seek something. . . I shall await an invitation

and knowing of the delicacy of this particular area (it is) better not to comment. . . We shall have to find out through ambassadors."

Mr. Graham told the press that he is studying the possibility of preaching a crusade in Rome and whether such a program in the heart of the Catholic world would cause trouble for non-Catholics in Italy.

"If my coming would cause great problems, difficulties and controversies for the churches, that would be a different matter," he said.

In his discussion with reporters, the American evangelist praised both Pope Paul and his predecessor, Pope John XXIII, for their appeals for peace in the world.

He did not exclude the possibility of a meeting with the Pope during his current visit — if the invitation was extended.

Mr. Graham recalled the success of his crusade in Catholic Brazil (Continued On Page 2)

7,000 Miles Through Siberia

'Jesus Revolution' In Soviet Russia Too!

(EP News Service)

A Russian-born evangelist who recently returned from an extensive preaching mission throughout the Soviet Union says the signs are unmistakable:

Young Russians are turning to Christ in increasing numbers.

"A spiritual vacuum exists after 54 years of red rule," says the Rev. Andrew Semenchuk, missionary and West Coast Representative for the Chicago-based Slavic Gospel Association and director of its Russian Bible

Institute in Buenos Aires. "Youth in Russia can't demonstrate in their police state, but they are not hiding their search for spiritual fulfillment."

He said they're concerned about life after death, unwilling to be only a cog in the socialist machinery. Semenchuk explained: "Everywhere we traveled we saw the government's counter propaganda in the form of a Leninist personality cult. There are signs reading, 'Lenin is the light of our new world,' or 'Lenin lives!' or

Theme Of Key '73 Program Is Announced

ST. LOUIS (RNS)—"Calling our Continent to Christ" will be the theme of Key '73, an interdenominational evangelism effort scheduled for 1973.

The theme and a program calendar for the year-long event were adopted by the Key '73 Central Committee meeting here.

Dr. William Bright, president of Campus Crusade for Christ, and Dr. John Anderson of the Board of National Ministries, Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) were elected to the executive committee.

More than 100 denominations, and evangelistic groups have representatives on Key '73's central committee. The United Church of Canada and the Church of the Brethren are the latest to join the effort.

The calendar drawn up by the 16-member executive committee suggests various plans ranging from television specials to local Bible studies and prayer meetings.

Dr. Theodore Raedeke, executive director of the program, said that the evangelism drive "enables all Christian denominations and groups to participate without violating or compromising their doctrinal position or practice."

BSSB Quarterly

Sullivan Directs Revision

NASHVILLE (BP)—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, reported to the trustees' executive committee in their regular October meeting that he directed the revision of a unit on race relations in a church training quarterly for 14-15-year-old youth, as well as the corresponding leadership quarterly, after the pieces had been printed but not yet distributed.

"I took the action in my role as editor-in-chief of all board materials," stated Sullivan. "The printed material was brought to my attention by Allen B. Comish, director of the Church Services and Materials Division, with his recommendation that it not be released."

The material in question, the second session of a two-session unit in the quarterly, "Becoming," on the subject of a New Testament attitude concerning acceptance of other races, was written by Twyla Wright of Casa

Texas Baptists Turn Down Federal Aid

HOUSTON (BP)—The Baptist General Convention of Texas here rejected federal aid for its hospitals by a two-to-one margin, severed ties with two of its institutions, and voiced opposition to the so-called "prayer amendment," use of drugs, and environmental pollution.

The convention, in a three-day meeting, also defeated an attempt to make church fellowship in local Baptist associations a test for membership on the convention's Executive Board.

In the hottest action, the convention voted to turn down a request for federal loans and grants for Baptist hospitals by a margin of 1,466 to 724. It was about the same margin as action two years ago in San Antonio on a request for federal loans for Baptist schools in Texas.

The heart of the hospital aid request centered around a difference of interpretation about whether government aid for hospitals is reimbursement for services incurred by federal programs such as Medicare, or whether it involves assistance that would violate separation of church and state.

Dr. John Bagwell, Dallas physician and chairman of the special hospital study committee which requested the loans and grants, told messengers that "a vote against the recommendation is a vote to cast aside our hospital ministries permanently." In another year or two, he said, "we may see all of our hospitals affected."

A Christian ethics professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, William Pinson, countered that a vote to accept the aid would not save the hospitals. "We will weaken our church-state position and lose our hospitals anyway" if the convention approves the report, said Pinson. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, immediate

past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, predicted that Texas Baptists would become a "dying sect" if the institutions are lost through lack of support. He urged acceptance of federal funds.

In another key action, the messengers voted 907 to 352 to turn loose Houston's Memorial Baptist Hospital system. The hospital system's board of trustees requested that it become a private institution, saying it needed broader-based community support to finance \$40 million in expansion programs.

Under convention policy, non-Baptists are not allowed to serve on boards of trustees of Baptist institutions. Houston hospital trustees feel such community involvement is necessary for the hospital's growth and maintenance of standards.

The University of Corpus Christi, one of 10 schools operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was (Continued On Page 2)

South Carolina Board Names Student As Voting Member

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)—The General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention approved a plan whereby a student will become a voting member of the convention's 66 member policy-making board, voted to recommend a record budget, and elected two new staff members.

If the plan is approved by the full convention in November, South Carolina will become the second Baptist (Continued On Page 2)

BAPTIST LEADER WARNS AGAINST OVERPLAYING SPORTS, SHOW NAMES

DALLAS (RNS)—Do big names from the sports and show business world get in the way of the Holy Spirit when they address evangelistic rallies? Perhaps they do, says the executive secretary of the two-million member Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"The involvement of public figures in the effort to win people to Christ is a legitimate approach," said Dr. T. A. Patterson of Dallas, "but we need to be on guard at several points."

Writing in the Baptist state newspaper, the Baptist Standard, Dr. Patterson said "the tendency to exclusively use show business or sports personalities could leave the impression on youth that these are only occupations worthy of their consideration. It would be well to use scientists, housewives, farmers and business executives."

He also said that the popular personalities ought not to be used to draw people to services and convert them to Christianity. "Only the Holy Spirit can do that."

Grande, Ariz. "A review of materials in the publishing process . . . revealed that issues led us to believe that misund-

standings could result from release of the material in its original form," stated Comish, who assumed responsibility for his division on October 1 of this year.

"One of the photographs which depicted a black boy and two white girls in conversation was subject to misinterpretation, as was some of the textual material," Comish said. "It could have been construed as improper promotion on the part of the Sunday School Board of integration in churches, which is an individual church matter under Baptist polity." The photograph was selected by the board's art department.

Sullivan agreed with Comish's evaluation. (Continued On Page 2)

Missouri Baptists Oppose Parochialism, Prayer Amendment

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (BP)—The Missouri Baptist Convention adopted here a series of resolutions strongly opposing a prayer amendment to the U. S. Constitution, and criticizing President Richard Nixon for violating the First Amendment by appointing an envoy to the Vatican and by urging aid to parochial schools.

The resolution was critical of President Nixon for pledging "the use of the powers of his office to secure tax funds for parochial schools" and for appointing "a personal ambassador to the Vatican, which is an ecclesiastical entity, not a sovereign nation."

"We regard them (these actions) as violations of the letter and spirit of the First Amendment" to the U. S. Constitution, said the resolution.

Another resolution charged that House Joint Resolution 191, which proposes a "prayer amendment" to the Constitution, is a trend "toward a non-denominational establishment of religion authorized by law and financed by tax funds."

"The First Amendment," continued the resolution, "has stood as a defense against any government-backed (Continued On Page 2)



Series of Leadership Meets Held

A SERIES of three associational leadership meetings was held in the state last week sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department. Leaders are seen just before leaving for Carthage Wednesday. From left: Dr. Foy Rogers, department director; Charles Clark, manager of Baptist Book Store, Jackson; Dr. Margaret Leverett, of New Orleans Baptist Seminary; Rev. Joel Land; Rev. Billy Mitchell, both of Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and Rev. Leon Emery, associate in Cooperative Missions Department.

Texas Baptists Refuse U.S. Aid

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released by nearly unanimous vote of the convention.

Final separation will come "not later than December 31, 1972," and the school will assume all financial obligations.

The financially plagued school is expected to become an upper-level state institution for the Corpus Christi area. The messengers authorized the transfer of "at least 200 acres" to the new institution and will retain "not less than 10 acres of land" for the convention to use for a student religious center.

Last year in Austin, the Texas convention instructed the school to repay a Small Business Administration loan accepted after the school was devastated by Hurricane Celia. The school, however, elected to seek release from the convention.

In a sparsely attended afternoon session, 567 messengers found themselves faced with an unexpected challenge during the usually routine election of members to the convention's Executive Board.

Othel Brand, a layman from McAllen, Texas, moved deletion of the name of Hardy Clemmons, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., from the list of nominees because his church is "out of fellowship" with the Lubbock Baptist Association because the church accepts members who have been immersed by non-Baptist churches.

The convention approved by a margin of 288 to 279 a motion to vote on Clemmons' election separately, but finally approved, after lengthy debate, his nomination with only a handful opposing.

In the debate, several speakers emphasized that making fellowship with a Baptist association a "test" of convention fellowship and service would subvert Baptist congregational church government.

"We have neither an Episcopal nor Presbyterian form of government," said one pastor. "We must not become a creedal body with a connectional setup between church, association, state and national levels," said another.

In other actions, the convention adopted a sweeping series of statements on social concerns from its Christian Life Commission, on the subjects of the prayer amendment, parochialism, prison reform, legislative reform, school desegregation, sex education, health care and gambling.

Calling for defeat of House Joint Resolution 191 in Congress, the convention adopted two statements opposing a so-called prayer amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

A statement submitted by the Christian Life Commission said the proposal should be rejected because it "opens the door for government to determine what is acceptable prayer." It called the amendment a "version of state-sponsored religion" that

"will not improve the country's moral climate."

A resolution submitted by the convention's resolution committee called on Baptists to inform their Congressmen of opposition to any change in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

On public school desegregation, the convention approved a statement said that "the urban phenomenon of 'white-black' is unChristian and unrealistic." The statement called on Christians to avoid making irrational, illogical and unChristian statements and threats, and decried racial injustices of discrimination in housing and the inequitable distribution of educational resources by school boards.

A "parochialism" statement called on Baptists to support the expenditure of public funds only for public schools through public channels. It charged

that tax funds should not support church-related elementary and secondary schools because such is a violation of religious liberty and separation of church and state.

Elected president of the convention was Landrum P. Leavelle, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., in a close vote over James G. Harris, pastor of University Baptist Church, Fort Worth. Harris was later elected first vice president.

Other major actions included adoption of a record \$15.2 million budget and approval of a vast urban strategy plan for Texas Baptists.

The plan for expanding mission ministries in population centers of the state calls for a 17-member Urban Strategy Council, a Christian Service Corps, and a \$1 million land purchase fund for securing and holding church sites in urban centers.

Sullivan Directs Revision

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uation of the material, adding, "We feel that we ought to be forthright in dealing with reconciliation among races and with biblical teachings concerning harmonious race relationships. We shall continue to deal with these topics, but in a manner that is in itself conciliatory rather than potentially inflammatory."

Substituted for the portion of Mrs. Wright's material which was replaced was copy on minority groups written by Mrs. Anne Craig, Nashville housewife. The replacement material is in current use in Alive, another church training study piece for younger youth.

The original study material had gone through routine review processes, but was felt to be especially subject to misinterpretation because of current problems in many localities involving racial misunderstandings, said board officials.

David P. Turner, leader of the central support group, which has responsibility for both art work and church literature publishing, stated that 140,000 of the pupils' quarterlies have been reprinted in order to insert the substituted session, plus 18,000 of the leaders' quarterlies, with revision of leadership suggestions.

No quarterlies were "shredded," as reported by Religious News Service, according to Turner, nor were they "removed from the docks and destroyed," which was erroneously stated in the same report. Turnersaid in the same report. Turner said the quarterlies are still crated in the warehouse.

Cost to the board to make the revisions was estimated by Turner to be about \$8,000.

Revival Dates

Wayside Church, Vicksburg: Nov. 10-21; Rev. James D. Watson, Indianapolis, evangelist; Paul Harper, Indianapolis, minister of music; Edwin Sudduth, Indianapolis, pianist; services 7:30 p.m.; November 14, Homecoming Day with dinner on the grounds; Rev. Francis Vriesen, pastor.

Billy Graham - - -

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although he admitted that an evangelical program in Rome would be "something slightly different."

He said he felt closer to the Catholic Church than to "some Protestant theologians who declared that God is dead."

Recalling that Italian Protestants have asked for a crusade for some years, the evangelist said: "I have promised to think about it, pray about it and give them a reply within two or three months."

It has been proposed that the crusade be held in the early months of 1973. Mr. Graham, according to U.S. reports, has three major crusades set for next year - Charlotte, N.C. in April; Birmingham, Ala. in May; and Cleveland, Ohio, in July.

The evangelist said the time for a crusade in Rome may have come, adding that Catholic opposition would not stop him from coming.

"I think," he said, "that young people in Rome are the same as (those) everywhere, and the fact that 60 per cent (of young people) don't go to church shows that there is a spiritual vacuum."

He noted that John and Paul had brought about a tremendous change in the Catholic Church and had made a great impact on the world, particularly in crusading for peace in the world. "This doesn't mean, however," he said, "that Protestants are accepting, or will accept, the authority or infallibility of the Pope."

Mr. Graham said he had received many enthusiastic letters from U.S. Protestants and Catholics supporting a Rome crusade.

Nevertheless, he said, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association would conduct a poll to ascertain how many Romans would attend a crusade. "Otherwise," he added, "we might take a big stadium holding 15,000 people and find only 10 people there."



Royal Ambassador Week

Royal Ambassador chapters throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will celebrate Royal Ambassador Week November 7-13 by helping in worship services

and participating in special mission action projects, campouts, father-son outings, and Royal Ambassador recognition services.

Royal Ambassador Week - Nov. 7-13

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boys. A new record of participation in Royal Ambassador activities will occur this fall, predicts Jay Chance, director of Royal Ambassador Department of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

Mr. Chance explained the addition of first, second, and third graders to Royal Ambassadors and program refinements in October of 1970 should insure the steady increase in Royal Ambassadors in the 1970s.

Royal Ambassadors has enjoyed a four-year period of steady growth dur-

ing a time when some church program organizations lost members, Mr. Chance noted. "Obviously, many churches recognize the need for mission-minded boys," Mr. Chance said.

Royal Ambassador chapters throughout the convention will hold open houses, share in camp outs, family worship, father-son outings, and day camps in observance of Royal Ambassador Week 1171.

Many chapters will provide help to people in the church community as special mission action projects for the week. Projects such as gathering clothes and food for a disadvantaged family, supplying Thanksgiving dinner for families in inner city areas, planning and supporting tutoring programs, and assisting the church staff in community ministries will be conducted.

Father-son suppers featuring guest speakers and reports of Royal Ambassador activities; weekend father-

son camping trips; and weekend mission studies will be on the Royal Ambassador Week scheduled for many churches.

Royal Ambassadors serving as ushers, sitting together in worship service, and Sunday sermons on missions will also be part of Royal Ambassador activities.

Sullivan Warns - - -

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that "while the churches are bound to the times, they will have to stay anchored to the 'Rock, Jesus Christ,'" Sullivan said.

Sullivan was the first of eight professional men and theologians to speak in the 1971-72 academic year Lecture-Dialogue series at Golden Gate Seminary.

Pearl Hill To Dedicate New Wing

Pearl Hill Church, Leake County, will hold a dedication service Sunday, November 7, at 11 a. m., with Rev. W. C. Smith, county evangelist, as the speaker.

The church has been completely renovated, and a new wing has been added featuring Sunday school rooms, pastor's study, and restrooms.

Rev. Kenneth Cheek is the pastor.

Missouri Baptists - - -

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establishment of religion, whether de-

it would authorize "non-denominational." The resolution quoted from the text of House Joint Resolution 191, saying it would authorize "on-denominational prayers" in "lawful assemblies in public buildings financed in whole or in part by public funds."

It interpreted the proposed amendment as "a threat to existing denominations," and urged "the defeat of the so-called 'non-denominational prayer amendment'."

Several other resolutions were adopted by the convention, meeting at First Baptist Church of Springfield. The convention urged support of an organization called Missourians Against Parochial Aid in their effort to schedule a referendum on the parochial issue in Missouri, urged that the legislature adopt stronger drunken driving laws, opposed efforts to legalize pari-mutuel gambling in Missouri, and urged more participation by laymen in Baptist work.

Elected as president of the convention was F. R. "Dick" Cole, pastor of First Baptist Church, Raytown, Mo. A budget for 1972 totalling \$5 million was approved by the convention, along with long range goals projecting a possible budget of \$7 million by 1976. The 1972 budget, an increase of \$1.1 million over actual receipts for 1971, would allocate 35 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes.

Hundreds Won To Christ In Singapore

SINGAPORE - Evangelism International under leadership of Dr. John Haggai of Atlanta, Georgia, has just completed an intensive five-week evangelistic campaign called "Total Evangelism Plus."

The five phase effort culminated with a gigantic united crusade in Singapore's National Theater. During these days, hundreds made their decision for Christ.

Other phases of this unique program involved a training program for church leaders in twenty-two Asian countries; a training seminar for pastors from seventy-five Singapore churches, instruction to Christian laymen in Singapore, and a United States witnessing team. The United States team, composed of prominent clergymen, business and professional leaders, recorded numerous decisions for Christ.

The National Theater Crusade featured Dr. Haggai and Asian Evangelists, Television singer, Keith Brown, the violin of Gordon Groth of San Diego, and a choir taken from churches across Singapore. Total attendance ran in the thousands. Results were called "overwhelming."

We thank Thee that, through the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou has transformed death from a period to a comma, the tomb from a terminus into a thoroughfare into the fullness of Thy glorious presence. — (John W. Tresch in *A Prayer for All Seasons* by Broadman Press.)

South Carolina - - -

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state convention to provide for a student representative on the board as a voting member.

According to a survey conducted by the state Baptist Student Union, only Georgia Baptists have student representation with voting rights on the state Baptist board. Three other states, North Carolina, Virginia, and Oregon-Washington Baptists, have non-voting, ex-officio student participation.

The South Carolina board will ask the state convention to change its constitution to include the president of the state Baptist Student Union as a voting member of the board. The amendment stipulates that the BSU president must be a member of a South Carolina Baptist Church.

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Centurymen Visit Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE - W. Truett Myers, radio and television commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; J. Malcolm Edwards, minister of music, Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.; William J. Reynolds, secretary, church music department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board (left to right) discuss 12 recordings produced in Nashville by "The Centurymen," a men's choir composed of ministers of music in Southern Baptist churches. The choir had 77 of their 100 members present in Nashville, where they prepared for an hour-long NBC special to be shown from Israel. The gospel-oriented music had as its theme the life and ministry of Christ. Parts of the music will be performed at the 1972 Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia.

'Jesus Revolution' In Russia

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He said young Russians who declare themselves believers cannot expect to receive university diplomas, are prohibited from the professions, and can expect to endure the constant surveillance that is so much a part of the spy system of the Soviets.

Rev. Semenchuk, representing the largest mission to Russians today, sings and preaches the gospel on many of its 80 weekly broadcasts to the Soviet Union. He also helps produce extensive literature in the Russian language and participates in preaching missions. On this tour he traveled with Bill Winchell, director

of TEAM Radio Station HLKX in Korea, with Mrs. Winchell and with Alex Kuvshnikov, former student of his in the Russian Bible Institute. They took in what scripture portions they could carry and urge all tourists to do the same. Half of it, however, was confiscated at the border. "We cannot be criminals and lie about what we carry," he said. "But they must find it themselves if they want to confiscate it."

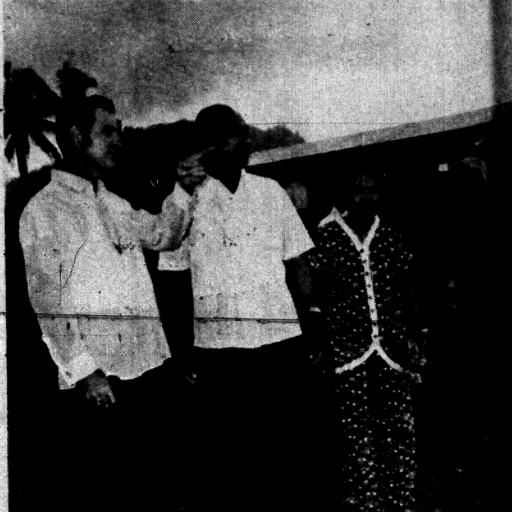
"Contrary to what Red officials say—that only the superstitious illiterate and backward old timers believe in God (these were teen-agers 54 years ago when communism was introduced!) one can see many 40- to 50-

year-old people in the churches who were born and raised under communism," the Rev. Mr. Semenchuk said. "Youth choirs, young people playing in church orchestras and reciting Christian poetry are in evidence in all the churches. They jeopardize their future by participating in the services but they do it because they love Christ."

The traveling quartet of Christians was stopped constantly on the street by students wanting to practice their English—by far the most popular foreign tongue in Russia—and to discuss spiritual matters and moral values.



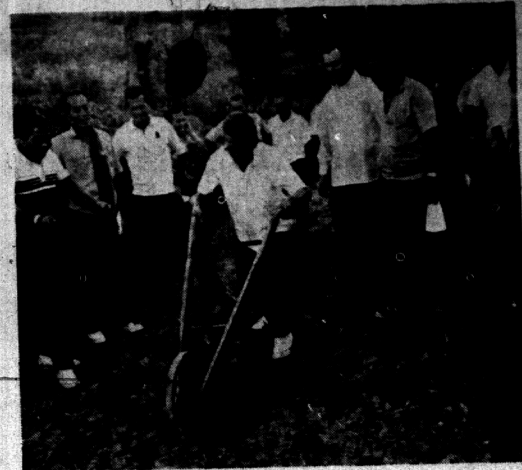
Missionaries Harold and Joyce Watson and their sons Dan (rear) and Mark pose during opening of Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center. Watson, a native of Brooklyn, Miss., is center director. The shirt he wears is called a barong. Building in rear is chapel on Mt. Carmel Baptist Assembly, which adjoins the new demonstration farm. The Watsons' oldest son, Jimmy, attends Faith Academy in Manila.



Missionary Harold R. Watson guides provincial governor Ramon de los Cientos Sr. and other guests on a tour of Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center.



Missionary Harold R. Watson, director of the newly opened Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center, explains to Filipinos how rabbit raising can provide a good source of meat for protein as well as income.



Missionary Harold R. Watson (right of center) watches at Pacifico Carrido, barrio captain of Kinuskusan Bansalan, Davao del Sur, push an experimental plow at the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center. The plow can be used in small garden plots.



Nine-year-old Mark Watson pets one of the Saanen goats at the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center. Mark's father, missionary Harold R. Watson, center director, is crossbreeding the imported goats with native ones to improve their resistance to the tropical climate. This nanny gave birth to triplets three days after photo was taken. (Photos by Bob Stanley)

Mississippi Furnishes Missionary, Seeds, Animals

Help For Rural Filipinos Is Aim Of Baptist Farm Center

By Bob Stanley

A rural life center where 20 to 30 agricultural projects are to be developed has been opened by Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines. The 25-acre demonstration farm is located in the foothills of Mt. Apo, at 9,680 feet the country's highest peak, on the island of Mindanao.

Although financed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the center has benefited from special contributions by various groups. The World Gardening Program of the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc., provided money to purchase seeds and to produce small garden push plows. And the Dixie Baptist Church near Hattiesburg has given its Vacation Bible School offering each year for purchase of animals.

There missionary Harold R. Watson of Brooklyn, Miss., is trying a variety of projects to show rural Filipinos how to improve their diet

and standard of living. At the same time, he hopes to strengthen the rapidly growing but financially poor rural Baptist churches in their witness for Christ.

The project, called the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center, is located near the town of Bansalan in Davao del Sur (South Davao) province. Its program is aimed at helping rural people throughout the big southern island of Mindanao.

"I am here because God loves you and I feel you should have a better way of life," Watson told some 150 persons attending the formal opening of the new center. "Our purpose is to demonstrate God's love. He does not intend that anyone should be underfed."

When fully developed, the Rural Life Center's projects will range from a goat dairy and piggery to experimental garden plots and citrus orchards. Many of its projects, such

as rabbit raising, are aimed at supplementing the protein-deficient diets of the rural people.

Work on the center began in July of 1970. More than 500 visitors toured its facilities in the months before it opened.

Located about an hour and a half's drive from Davao City, the demonstration farm is accessible to people from many parts of the island. It is being developed on land that is just average in fertility in order to show what can be done by choosing the right crops, fertilizing them properly and utilizing the space one has to best advantage.

Watson believes the center can do much to help put the rural churches on their feet financially. These churches account for more than two thirds of the Baptist churches on Mindanao and normally record a higher rate of baptisms than do their city counterparts.

The center will offer specialized institutes each year. The first of these, a rural pastors and lay workers institute, enrolled 38 for three days' instruction.

The center also has facilities at nearby Mt. Carmel Baptist Assembly to house individual farmers or rural pastors who may want to come, bring their own food and spend a week or 10 days learning about one project in which they have a particular interest.

Watson holds bachelor and master of science degrees in agriculture from Mississippi State University. He taught vocational agriculture in Hattiesburg for three years before being appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964. He was an agricultural extension worker and farming consultant at Southern Baptist College, M'ang, Cotabato, before opening the new center.

Mexican Baptist Work Is Analyzed By Leaders

A recently leadership conference for pastors and laymen "could be a milestone in the history of Baptist work in Mexico," according to Southern Baptist representative David P. Daniell.

About 100 pastors, laymen and Baptist mission representatives met to consider the greatest needs, the greatest weaknesses and the greatest successes of Baptist work in Mexico. The group "roughed it" for 2½ days at the Aytec Baptist encampment southeast of Mexico City.

According to opinions expressed in a rap session, Baptists' biggest needs are self-support, a change of concept of the ministry, more space for church activities, and a growing activity on the part of new believers.

The most notable weaknesses, conferees said, are lack of follow-up, lack of statistics, lack of church member training, lack of a ministry to the upper classes, conformity, lack of creativity, shortage of men in the churches, and a lack of sermon preparation

by pastors.

Regarding the "greatest successes in the last 10 years," the missionaries (called Southern Baptist representatives) noted that each item on the list is the fruit of missionary labor.

They listed the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary's extension night schools for pastors and laymen in all parts of Mexico (current enrollment 300), better missionary-national relations and the confidence shown by missionaries in Mexicans to direct the work.

Also, the use of mass media, a marked emphasis now on conservation of evangelistic results, the Crusade of the Americas, Baptist penetration into all states and territories of Mexico, and punctual publication of the national Baptist convention's magazine, *La Luz Bautista*.

Each board or department of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico had four planning meetings during the conference. The promoters of various areas of work in each of the 16

associations held meetings for their work groups: missions and evangelism, stewardship, Christian education, radio and television, student work, and so forth.

"For the first time in my 17 years in Mexico, I feel we are approaching a unified program of work," said Southern Baptist representative Ervin E. Hastey. "Now every board and department of the convention understands the work and purpose of every other board, and the thrust is taking the convention program to the local church level."

"More than anything else, I want to see strengthening of the local church and its total program of work," said Hastey. "Without that, almost all else would be meaningless."

The current nationalization of Baptist work in Mexico does not preclude a strong role for the field missionary, according to Hastey.

"He has a very definite role. Upon him and his promotion of the work in the association rests a great deal of the success of Mexican Baptists' Program of the Decade," he said.

"The specialist missionaries in such areas as agriculture, literature, student work, bookstores and mass media also will play a big part in the program."

Mexican Baptists now number about 20,000. There are about 200 Baptist churches and 470 mission stations, according to a 1970 report from the field.

Four Motion Pictures Released By Broadman

NASHVILLE — Plans for the release of four new motion pictures have been announced by Broadman Films, official church film producer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Among these 30-minute, color motion pictures is "Sharing the Glory," already available through Baptist Film Centers. The story is built around one Christian man who shares his witness about Jesus Christ from a wheelchair.

Scheduled for Sept. 30 release is "The Oddball," a story that focuses upon youth and the problems they encounter in seeking to live up to keenly felt Christian convictions.

"Operation Nightwatch" and "The Work Crisis" both are documentary films scheduled for Oct. 15 release. The first is a look at the ministry being conducted in the skid row section of Seattle, Wash.; the latter is a study of the effects of automation and rapid technological developments on attitudes toward work and leisure.

The most significant and valuable prayer work in behalf of worship services took place not in the auditorium, but within the confines of the Pastor's study. — (John W. Treadway in *A Prayer for All Seasons* by Broadman Press.)



Itawamba Association Marks Fifty Years

Moderator Horace Thomas, pastor of Trinity Church, Fulton, is seen cutting a cake marking the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Itawamba Baptist Association. Looking on from left are Rev. and Mrs. Neil Moore, associational missionaries, and on right Rev. Ray Butler, secretary of the Association. Ministers of the churches present are seen at the Salem Church where the event took place Tuesday night. They are from left: Rev. Grady Bradford; Rev. Charles Goodwin; Rev. Fred Chancellor; Rev. Jed Jones; Rev. Dolan Stovall; and Rev. Guy Graham. Chancellor (behind the pulpit), pastor of First, Fulton, was elected as the new moderator.

1st, Philadelphia Oversubscribes Budget In One Day

First Church, Philadelphia, Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor, oversubscribed its 1971-72 budget in one day, on October 17.

At press time for the church bulletin, *The Open Door*, (Tuesday, October 19), total pledges to the budget had reached 419, with 196 signing as titheholders, and a total annual amount pledged of \$93,625.48. This was \$1,475.48 above the budget goal of \$92,150, or \$28.49 more than the weekly requirements of \$1,772.

By October 21, there were 421 pledging, with an oversubscription of the goal by \$1,807.49.

The salary for a prospective full-time minister of music and youth has been underwritten and mission fund increased (15.2% to the Cooperative Program and 3.6% for associational missions). The budget also includes \$15,000 for the new building fund. Marion Perry served as budget committee chairman.

Many a man lays down his life trying to lay up money.



Participating in the ceremonies at Union were, left to right, Jimmy Lowe, Dale Seals, Roddie Powell, LaDonnis Jones, Boaz Jones, Jr., J. D. Gill, T. N. Bradley; Rev. G. A. McCoy at the speaker's stand, Frank Lee, Bruce Pearson, James Rester, and Paul Crocker. Also participating but not pictured above were Z. T. Jones, Dale Beard, and Charlie Pearson.

Union Burns Note Ahead Of Schedule

By Vernell Spence

On September 19, following closing services of the fall revival at Union Baptist Church in Caesar, Pearl River Association, a note burning service was conducted in front of the buildings.

Due to the previous resignation of both the pastor and minister of music and youth, the bondburning ceremony was conducted by the deacons and two former pastors.

The bonds were issued in August 1963 in the amount of \$46,000 for the erection of an educational department, kitchen facilities, library, and

also for the air conditioning of the present auditorium. Special offerings were received for the building program on each fifth Sunday.

By beginning payments at the last of the due dates on the bonds and working backward, Union Church was able to complete payments on the bonds six years earlier than planned with a savings of approximately \$8,000.

Those on program were Paul Crocker, James Rester, Mrs. Johnnie Stewart, Rev. Stanley Watson (former pastor), Rev. G. A. McCoy (former pastor), and several deacons.

Sunday School and Church Training PASTOR-DIRECTOR CONFERENCES

Schedule of Meetings



Bryant M. Cummings
Mississippi



Chester Vaughn
Tennessee



Charles Treadway
Tennessee

Hattiesburg, William Carey
Laurel, West Laurel
Oxford, First

Nov. 4
Nov. 4
Nov. 4

Senatobia, First
McComb, East McComb
Jackson, Alta Woods

Nov. 8
Nov. 8
Nov. 8

Meridian, 15th Avenue
Natchez, Parkway
Kosciusko, First

Nov. 9
Nov. 9
Nov. 9

Starkville, First
Vicksburg, Bomar Avenue
Winona, First

Nov. 11
Nov. 11
Nov. 11

7:00-9:15 P.M.

The Directors' Conference will be for the full two hours. The Pastors' Conference leadership will be shared by a Sunday School representative and a Church Training representative.



Kermit S. King
Mississippi



Charles Lowry
Louisiana



Jimmy P. Crowe
Tennessee

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EDITORIALS

Reaching Around The World

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meeting of the Radio and Television Commission at the Commission's center in Ft. Worth.

I met with the staff and with members of the Commission from all over the nation.

I heard the reports of the work of the Commission, and sat in on the discussion of plans and projects.

It was one of the most rewarding experiences I ever have had.

I have had a general knowledge of the work of the Commission since its beginning more than thirty years ago. Dr. Sam Lowe, who was one of the pioneers in the ministry of the agency, was a personal friend. I had heard some of the earliest broadcasts, have watched the growth of the Commission's program through the years, and had heard or watched many of the programs both on radio and television. Literature from the agency had come to my desk regularly and I had heard the annual convention reports with interest. Despite all of this I had little concept of the scope of the agency's program today, and of how it literally is carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth.

It is reaching multiplied millions with its programs in America. It is producing programs that reach across the seas to many nations, not only in English but also in ten other languages.

Proclaiming Gospel

And as one sits in the meeting of the Commission he senses the fact that every program and every move of the staff in its production and sending out of materials is to proclaim the gospel of Christ to men everywhere.

The agency does not in any way seek to supplant the work of the mission boards, but rather to supplement their work. It works with the Home Mission Board in seeking to reach America with the gospel. It stands beside the Foreign Mission Board in seeking to carry the gospel to every continent and to the isles of the sea. It works with state conventions, associations and churches, in seeking to use the modern electronic media in sending the gospel forth. How widespread is this program and how tremendous is its impact is not understood until one sits in the meetings and hears the reports. That is why I count it such a privilege to have been there last week.

The Radio and Television Commis-

sion is the control board or committee elected by the Southern Baptist Convention. It is made up of pastors and laymen and women from across the nation. On the board are pastors of some of the convention's largest churches, along with other pastors from churches not so large; business executives; an evangelism leader whose work is world wide; and other, dedicated leaders, both men and women. Dr. S. R. Woodson of Columbus is the Mississippi member.

The Commission has chosen Dr. Paul Stevens as Director of the work. He now is approaching the twentieth anniversary of his leadership of the agency. Working with him is a staff of men and women who are experts in the fields of electronics and communication. They are real professionals, but are individuals who have caught the spirit and purpose of the Commission in its witness for Christ, and are completely dedicated to the task.

Paul Stevens

Paul Stevens, himself, is one of the most dedicated leaders in Southern Baptist life. Certainly he was God's man for the place when he was called to lead this ministry, nearly two decades ago. His tremendous ability; his warm, friendly disposition; his far-seeing vision and his complete dedication to the Lord, have enabled him to lead the Commission in great forward strides until today it is recognized in the radio television industry as being the outstanding religious oriented group in the whole field of broadcasting. Southern Baptists have come to this place of world leadership in the field, because Dr. Stevens and his men are equally at home in the churches and in the studios and offices of the broadcasting media. The leadership which has been achieved in the past now opens new doors of opportunity, which are almost limitless.

Program Magnitude

One is overwhelmed when he realizes the magnitude of the ministry of the Commission.

It is hard to realize that almost 3,000 different programs were produced last year, or that those programs were aired a total of more than 186,000 times.

Or that those programs were presented on a total of 2,175 stations, of which more than 200 are overseas.

More than 600 stations now carry one program series, Powerline, a program directed to youth.

Another program, Country Crossroads, which now is heard on more than 360 stations, though it is only two years old, has more than 30,000 letters during the fiscal year just closed.

Free Time

Radio and Television stations gave to Southern Baptists more than \$5,000,000 of free time, airing these programs during the year.

Southern Baptists have more programs on more stations than any other denomination.

And every one of the programs is planned to proclaim the gospel of Christ.

It may not be presented in the same form as it would be presented in a Sunday morning preaching service in a church, but the message is there and it is touching people's hearts. The proof of this is the more than 100 letters a day which go out from the Commission's offices in response to those who have written in about spiritual problems.

These may be to some like those to a man in prison on an island in the Caribbean, who has been led to Christ through hearing the gospel on a Commission program, and through follow-up of a letter which he wrote.

Or they may be to an unsaved couple in Missouri who listened to Country Crossroads and wrote that they had given their hearts to Christ.

Or to a teenager in California who wrote of how Powerline had made her see her need of God.

Or to the housewife in an eastern state who has been listening to the Baptist Hour and revealed to the Commission her spiritual problems and needs.

The Commission has a full time department, under an outstanding former pastor, whose whole responsibility is to follow up on these inquiries and letters of spiritual interest. A hundred letters a day to people having spiritual needs is a pretty good ministry.

Reaching the Audience

Speaking concerning the programming of the Commission Dr. Stevens said that there are three types of audiences which we seek to reach through radio and television. They are the Christian people who are interested, the non-church people who are interested, and the non-church people who are not interested. He said that all too much radio and television religious broadcasting has been beamed at the first two groups, and the latter group usually turned to something else when these programs came on.

Dr. Stevens told of how the Commission has felt that at least part of its programming should be planned for the third group, those who are unchurched and who simply are not interested in spiritual things.

Varied Programs

Yet, many of them are being reached by new program formats, which may not at first be recognized as religious, yet carry the religious witness.

Such programs are Master Control, Powerline and Country Crossroads. Some of the television series including the specials, and especially a new series which now is being prepared also will reach many of this group. These programs are so planned that people will listen, and then, as they listen, they find that the gospel message is there, even though they did not anticipate it, and turn it off. Thousands of hearts have been touched by this type of approach.

Yet, the Commission also majors on the other types of programs. The Baptist Hour, The Answer series, the Baptist state news series, and others have a wider appeal to those already members of the churches, or at least open to the gospel message.

There is a special ministry to children through Jot, and some other programs. A children's radio show is being studied.

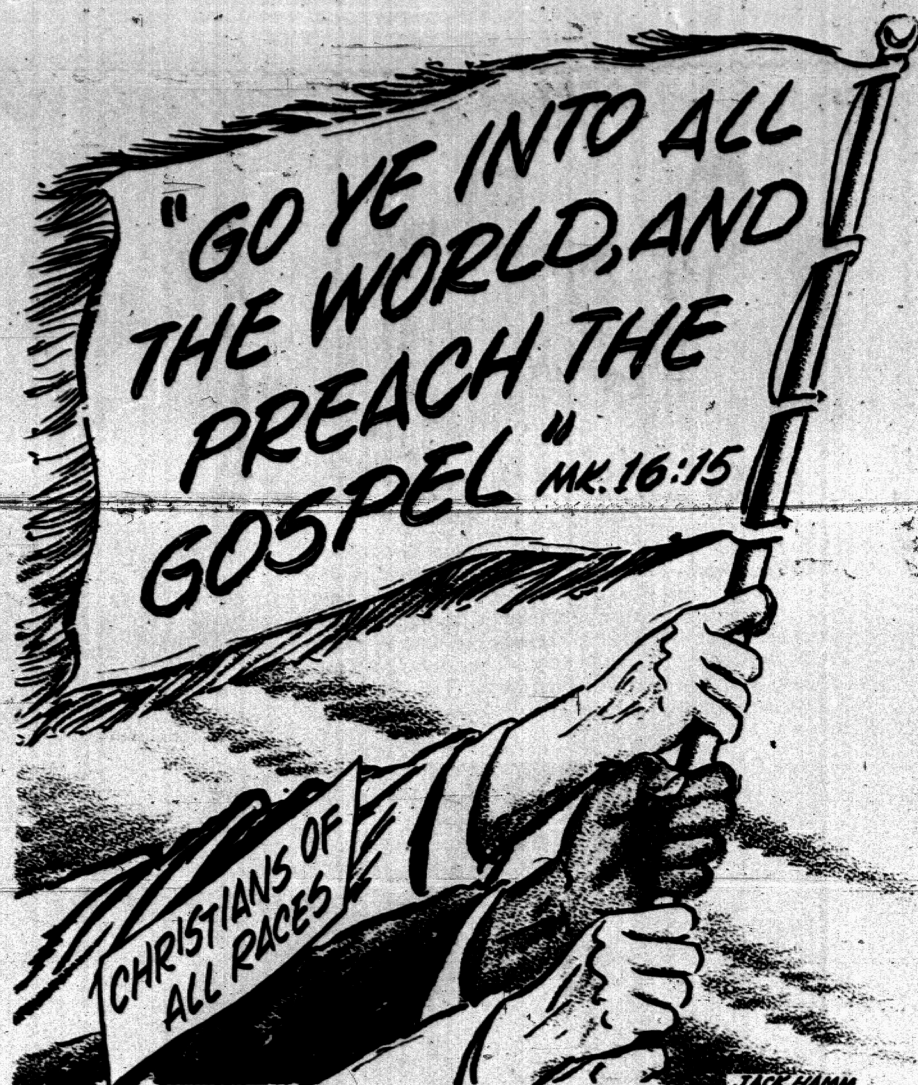
The Armed Forces radio and television networks use various programs of the Commission, and a special ministry to the chaplains provides programs for use wherever the armed forces are found.

One department works with the churches, conventions, etc., in providing the best possible use of radio and television in local churches and in other denominational units.

Cooperation

The Commission works with other boards of the Convention offering its know how, its contacts and its facilities in using the media for Christian witness.

Is this all? No, for there is a printed word ministry used largely as a follow-up of contacts made first through the airways. There is the Christian music ministry providing records and tapes



Common Missionary Purpose



A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Reading has always been one of my favorite occupations, but as other occupations have increased with the accumulation of a husband and three boys, reading time has diminished greatly.

I still read every little smidgen of print I can sneak time for, though, and occasionally I even let a chore or two go and do some serious reading. No matter whose writings I read, though, I never fail to come upon the most calming, helpful, and hopeful reading of all in my Bible, and I have enjoyed some choice ones recently. The nice thing about the Bible is that it seems to push out from its page exactly what I need at the time I'm reading it.

Take I Samuel 12:24, for instance. It gives us clear-cut directions for the Christian life and for a relationship with our Lord that will make for a sense of peace. They are, first, fear the Lord, and second, serve Him in truth with all your heart.

Then it gives you a good reason for doing these two things if you haven't already

of the finest of religious music. There is the language ministry offering programs in ten languages, including the dubbing in of voices on films, so they can be used on television in other lands. The Commission has a "Ham Radio" station which gives it contact with ham operators around the world. It keeps in touch with missionaries scattered across earth. There also is the provision of printed copies of some of the messages used on radio and television programs for use in the state and denominational papers.

Scope Unlimited

We could go on and on, for it appears that the scope of the work of this agency is almost unlimited.

And it continues to seek new areas, and new methods, of making the radio and television ministry most effective.

Do Southern Baptists believe in this agency? Evidently not as much as we could, since the amount of money we give it for its work is rather limited in the light of its needs, and the doors of witness which are open to it.

Yet, some Southern Baptists do believe in it. A few weeks ago a Southern Baptist walked into Dr. Stevens' office, and said I want to give the Commission \$500,000 endowment, on provision that you raise a similar amount for your work within the next two years.

The Commission accepted that challenge. They are sure that Southern Baptist friends will provide that extra \$500,000 and more, in the next two years.

Members of the Commission, who were present for this meeting pledged more than \$30,000 of it during the sessions.

Already plans are under way to contact friends of the Commission (those who already have been contributing to its support) within the next few months, and permission is being asked of the Executive Committee of the SBC for permission to go afield for the rest of the \$500,000, and much more, after the Committee's February meeting.

We think they will get the permission, and that they will reach their goal for the new funds.

Southern Baptists believe in their agencies which are positively evangelistic, and are seeking to give the gospel of Christ to the lost world.

The Radio and Television Commission is doing just that.

thought of a good one, "For consider how great things He has done for you."

I cannot say what great things God has done for you, but I can consider the great things He has done for me — a great salvation, a great call to service, a great family, a great place of service, a great host of people to love.

After considering the greatness of the things He has done for us we can be sure of His safety and protection, "For the Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy feet from being taken." (Proverbs 3:6, you know) And, "This is the confidence that we have in him; that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us." (1 John 5:14)

Leadership is assured, "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it." (Isaiah 30:31)

The way is filled with tasks to do and the strength to do them. The big question is stated in I Chronicles 29:5b, "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

So many things want us Christians to dedicate our service to them. It takes real jealousy of time to keep enough of it open to do what I know the Lord wants me to do. It takes real discipline to conserve enough energy to accompany the time.

Maybe Henry Van Dyke had the secret when he wrote:

Let me but find it in my heart to say
When-vagrant wishes beckon me astray
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way.

Such an attitude as this puts a whole new light on a day's work, or a week's work, or a year's work. For a Christian woman to

important place in the world and her work exclusive enough that nobody else can do it the right way is not presumptuous. It is in keeping with all that the Bible has to say about the responsibility of a woman.

If you haven't considered how great things God has done for you, give such consideration a try — any service dedicated to Him in return will scarcely be enough, but service dedicated to Him will be happier service because it takes on a permanently that dedication to anything else lacks.

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A Note From Singapore

Dear Dr. Odle:

Our experiences with John Haggai's Evangelism International in Singapore are very interesting and spiritually rewarding. We are having opportunity to see our Baptist work first hand, and also to fellowship with some of our missionaries. We have met many dedicated Singaporean Christians. The need here is great. Of the 1.4 million people here, less than 2% are Christians. Hope all is going well in Mississippi!

Levon Moore
Pontotoc

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One To 30,000 - - But One Too Many

A Baptist preacher in North Carolina

alization of sale of liquor by the drink, and that he also takes a beer when he wants to. This was reported in a news story in the Baptist Record of two weeks ago.

He is one preacher among about 30,000 or more in the Southern Baptist Convention. Never before have we heard of one who favored legal liquor or admitted to drinking beer. There may be others, but we never have heard of them.

One to 30,000 is pretty good proof of where Southern Baptists stand on the liquor issue.

Yet, even one is too many. Southern Baptists are embarrassed that even one preacher in their midst ever would defend liquor, or admit to drinking.

We do not know this preacher. We do not know whether he is a conservative or a liberal in his theology, although it is difficult to believe that a Bible believing conservative would approve of liquor or use it.

This pastor must be a young man. We are convinced of that for we believe that he cannot have had the experience with liquor that older preachers have had. These preachers have seen all of the ugliness and destructiveness of alcohol in the lives of people.

We wonder how this man who defends liquor, and admits of drinking it, can counsel with people who come to him for spiritual help with liquor problems.

—For example what we would say to the Mississippi Black mother whose daughter was murdered by a young man, who has just been found guilty of manslaughter, and who during the trial claimed that he had been drinking and did not know what he was doing.

—What could he say to that same young man who has just heard the sentence that he must spend the next 20 years of his life in the penitentiary because of his actions while under the influence of liquor?

—What would he say to a drunken woman, who a few weeks ago was brought in out of the bushes by the side of a church building, a woman who a few years ago was secretary in a Baptist church in Mississippi, but who now has made herself a drunken woman, aged before her time? And what could

the pastor say to her Baptist mother?

—What would he say to a man whose young people who may decide to drink because he approves, but who cannot stop with one drink, and end up as drunkards?

—What would he say to a man this preacher faced a few years ago, a man who had lost his business, his home, his family and his good name, because of booze, and who said to this preacher, "You had better help me, for if you do not I am going out and kill myself?"

—What would he say to a father and mother standing beside a hospital bed, where lies the broken body of a daughter who was crushed in a wreck caused by a drunken driver?

—What would he say to destitute mother and children whose husband and father has left them alone and hungry while he spent his pay check on liquor and gambling?

We could go on. Every one of these experiences is real, having been faced by Baptist preachers. We could multiply them a thousand fold, for the record of booze is the same everywhere.

That is why we cannot believe that this man is old enough to have had very much pastoral experience. If he had such, he would oppose liquor with every ounce of strength that he has.

He would believe with the Bible that "Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging."

He would know that the Bible says "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink"

He would not forget that the Bible says that drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

We think that this pastor will one day change his mind, and will rue the day that he defended liquor. If not, in this life, then certainly when he stands face to face with God, for every one of us must one day give an account to Him even of our very words.

Meanwhile, we shall stay with the 30,000 rather than with the one. Indeed, we think that few true Christians anywhere in the world will be influenced by this preacher's words.

Christians everywhere will continue to remember that liquor is the enemy of every thing that God's people stand for, and they will continue to vote against it, and fight it with all of the power that they have.

Make Your Reservations Now To Attend The SBC, Philadelphia

Owen Cooper Leads

Strong Program Set For Pan-Am Lay Meet In Cali

YAZOO CITY, Miss. (BP)—Nearly a dozen speakers are slated to address the Pan American Union of Baptist Men when the hemisphere-wide laymen's group convenes for its second meeting, scheduled July 17-27, in Cali, Colombia.

Pan American Union President Owen Cooper, who heads the Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corp. here, said he expects about 750 Baptist laymen from 25 countries in North, Central and South America to attend the meeting.

One of the features of the program, Cooper said, will be a mass rally at the largest gymnasium in Cali, which seats more than 10,000 persons.

Cooper said they hope the gymnasium will be filled for the rally.

Cooper said he expected about 250 laymen from the United States to be among the estimated 750 Baptist laymen and pastors to participate in the 10-day meeting.

Principal speakers who have accepted invitations to address the meeting include Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; V. Carney Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance, Philadelphia; and David Y. K. Wong, head of the Baptist World Alliance Men's Department and an architect from Hong Kong.

Three Southern Baptist missionaries to Latin America are to be on the program, Cooper said.

They are Roy Lyon, missionary to Caracas, Venezuela; Clark Scanlon, SBC Foreign Mission Board field representative for the Caribbean area; and Weldon E. Viertel, of the Caribbean Baptist Theological Seminary, Barbados.

Scanlon and Viertel will present Spanish-language material to launch the Witness Involvement Now (W.I.N.) program in Latin America, Cooper said.

Each of the officers of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men will also participate on the program, Cooper added.

They are Cooper, as president; vice president Rigoberto Quiros Stella of San Jose, Costa Rica; secretary Samuel Prato of Caracas, Venezuela; and treasurer Aldo Broda director of the Argentine Baptist Publishing House, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Also participating will be at-large members of the union's board—Roderick James of Kingston, Jamaica; and Edgard Calmon of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Pan American Union of Baptist Men were organized in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1969 during the Crusade of the Americas, a hemisphere-wide Baptist evangelistic effort.

Cooper said the second meeting in Cali would feature reports on the work of the union since its organization four years earlier.

Foundation Head To Speak At Pascagoula On "Stewardship"



As a part of the stewardship emphasis in the Calvary Baptist Church of Pascagoula, the pastor, Rev. Byron Mathis, has scheduled Rev. Carey E. Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, to speak on Sunday morning, Nov. 5, on the subject, "Total Stewardship," emphasizing the work and services of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

In addition to the worship emphasis, anyone in the church membership or in the coastal area who is interested in the work of the Foundation, especially as it is related to the establishment of trusts and wills, should contact him and arrange for a conference period during the afternoon.

Mr. Mathis said that, "I am personally aware that Christian stewardship involves one's estate and am concerned about the tithe; the use of the nine-tenths; and what shall happen to the residue of the estate when a person has gone on to be with the Lord."

"Estate stewardship may be a new dimension to the minds of many Christians but it is Biblically based and enables people to continue supporting the Lord's work after they have gone ON TO BE WITH Him."

Baptist Book Stores Plan Christmas TV Ads

NASHVILLE — For the first time in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Book Stores are participating in a national television advertising campaign during the Christmas season.

"We like to think gifts from the Baptist Book Store share the real meaning of Christmas," said W. O. Thomason, director of the book store division. "For this reason, we feel we have a tremendous opportunity in advertising our products on a national level."

Each of the 13 participating Baptist Book Stores, selected because of their market and their desire to participate in such a program, has purchased five commercials a week, between 5 and 10 p.m. on the following stations: Kansas City, Charlotte, Oklahoma City, Nashville, and Memphis.

One half of the 30-second commercial is devoted to introducing the store while the other 30 seconds features gift items such as books, Bibles, games, records and jewelry from various publishers. These vendors are contributing to the cost of these full-color commercials.

In addition to advertising products, these commercials are stressing partnership services of the Baptist Book Store such as free catalogs, telephone orders and free postage.

The stores participating in this year's Christmas television campaign are: Birmingham, Little Rock, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Louisville, Jackson,

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2. Barclay	20.00	28.00-30.00	28.00-30.00	35.00-40.00
3. Bellevue Stratford	18.00-20.00	25.00-28.00	25.00-28.00	35.00-40.00
4. Benjamin Franklin	17.00-22.00	24.00-28.00	24.00-28.00	35.00-40.00
5. Franklin Motor Inn	19.50	26.00	26.00	35.00-40.00
6. Holiday Inn—Midtown	21.00	28.00	28.00	40.00-45.00
7. Holiday Inn—Penn Center	22.00	28.00	28.00	40.00-45.00
8. Latham	28.00	24.00-26.00	24.00-26.00	45.00-50.00
9. Penn Center Inn	19.00-21.00	25.00-31.50	25.00-31.50	45.00-50.00
10. Sheraton	19.50-25.50	28.00-31.50	28.00-31.50	45.00-50.00
11. Sylvania	17.00-18.00	24.00-25.00	24.00-25.00	35.00-40.00
12. Warwick	21.00	27.00	27.00	50.00-125.00
City Line at Monument Road (5 miles from auditorium)	23.00	24.00-26.00	24.00-26.00	30.00-75.00
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Williamson Named To Stewardship Commission Staff

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission here has elected E. Stanley Williamson, a Nashville film producer and pastor, as director of stewardship development, effective Nov. 1.

Williamson, who for six years was head of the Broadman Films department for the Baptist Sunday School Board here before going into private business in 1965, will be responsible for developing stewardship and budget materials produced by the SBC agency.

Since 1965, Williamson has been a partner in Ambassador Films, Ltd., a film-producing firm he helped establish. He also is pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Nashville.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Southern Baptist Convention	June 6-8
Woman's Missionary Union	June 5
Pastors' Conference	June 5

Baptist Viewpoll

Survey Shows Baptists Oppose U. N. Seat To Communist China

By Ken Hayes

NASHVILLE (BP) — Communist China should not be admitted as a member of the United Nations, according to the majority of a representative panel of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers.

Opposition to admission of Red China to the U.N. has decreased, however, since the last time the panel was asked this question.

The survey, conducted by the Baptist VIEWpoll in May, asked this question: "Do you think Communist China should or should not be admitted as a member of the United Nations?"

"Should" was the response of 31.2 per cent of the pastors and 25.6 per cent of the teachers. This represents a change in the attitude of Baptists on this issue.

In January, 1970, only 20.8 per cent of the pastors and 20.4 per cent of the teachers on the panel favored the admission of Communist China into the United Nations.

The majority of the VIEWpoll panel (55.9 per cent of the pastors and 57.6 per cent of the teachers) oppose United Nations membership for Communist China on the basis of the latest poll.

The Baptist VIEWpoll's January,

1970, poll showed that 60.3 per cent of the pastors and 65 per cent of the teachers did not favor Communist China's admission to the United Nations.

In the latest poll, 12.9 per cent of the pastors and 16.8 per cent of the teachers had "no opinion" on the current international topic.

The Gallup Poll survey of May, 1971 reveals that 45 percent of the United States civilian adult population favors leading Communist China in the United Nations, while 38 per cent oppose such a move.

Both the Baptist VIEWpoll and Gallup Poll surveys were conducted

prior to President Nixon's announcement that he will be going to visit Communist China sometime before May of 1972.

The current Baptist VIEWpoll report is based on 90 per cent response from a national panel, composed of approximately 300 pastors and 300 Sunday School teachers selected to represent a cross section of persons holding those leadership positions in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Teleministry To Present Program By Psychiatrist

The Mississippi Psychiatrist Association has invited Dr. Thomas A. Harris, psychiatrist and author of the book "I'm O.K.—You're O.K.," to Jackson to talk with psychiatry residents and psychology interns at the University Medical Center, and to meet with members of their organization.

While the psychiatrist is in the capital city, Jackson CONTACT Teleministry, Inc., local around-the-clock telephone answering service for people with problems, will present a program by Dr. Harris on Friday, November 5, at 7 p. m. at Woodland Hills Church, 3327 Old Canton Road.

Dr. Harris has been in private practice of psychiatry at Sacramento, Calif. for the past 12 years, before which he was director of the Department of Institutions of the State of Washington, which included all penal, correctional, and mental institutions.

Admission on November 5 will be \$2 and tickets can be obtained by writing P. O. Box 12525, Jackson 39211 or by calling number 362-2525. Proceeds will go to the local CONTACT Ministry's budget.

CONTACT locally, telephone number 362-2525, in operation 24 hours daily since March 15 of this year, has received over four thousand calls, many of them of a very serious nature.

More voluntary telephone workers are needed. A training course is in progress now, with the deadline for entering November 1, as missed lessons can be made up by using tapes. You can enter the training by reporting to the Mental Health Building on the grounds of St. Dominic's Hospital, just to the south and west of the main building, on Tuesdays 7 to 9 p. m. and on alternate Thursdays at the same hours.

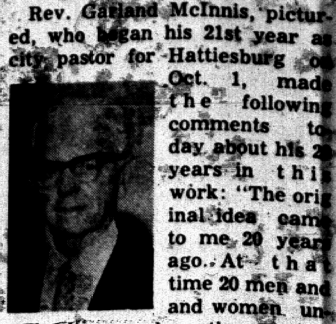
Names In The News

Royce Thorne has resigned as Minister of Music and Youth at Glenn Rose Church, Houston, Texas, to enter full-time music evangelism. This talented young man has dedicated his rich bass voice and his music and youth work experience to be used of God in the work of telling others the Good News of Jesus Christ. Royce, his wife Debby and daughter Wendy, are now making their home in Waco, Texas. He can be reached for available dates through RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATIONS, Box 1495, Waco, Texas, 76703 — telephone (817) — 753-2521.

Tinsley Church (Yazoo Association) ordained Robert A. Harris and Lamar Chisolm as deacons in a candlelight ceremony Sunday, October 3. Dr. Norman O'Neal of Mississippi College brought the charge to the candidates and Rev. Robert Peters of Clinton brought the ordination sermon. All deacons of the church participated in the service. Rev. Ben Bennett is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. McFord Jr., missionaries to Spain, have moved from Barcelona to Alicante (address: C. Artilleros 4, 3 degree, Alicante, Spain). Both Mr. and Mrs. McFord are natives of Colorado. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1953, he was pastor of Osyka (Miss.).

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Rankin, missionaries on furlough from Hong Kong, may now be addressed c/o Dr. J. D. Thomas, Denmark, S. C. 29042. He is a native of Sandy Hook, Miss., and she is the former Miriam Thomas of Fairfax, S.C.



Rev. Garland McInnis, pictured, who began his 21st year as city pastor for Hattiesburg on Oct. 1, made the following comments to day about his 20 years in this work: "The original idea came to me 20 years ago. At that time 20 men and women unwrote my salary, thus permitting me to be a friend and pastor to anyone I could. There are only five living who began with me in 1951. The big part of my ministry has been with the indigent, poor people, in the city and Forrest County, helping them with clothing, furniture, food, medicine and hospital supplies. Since my illness I have had to slow down some, but I still visit the jails, the hospitals and work with shut-ins, counsel with those in need and officiate at weddings and funerals." Retired from the pastorate of Southside, Hattiesburg, he lives at 614 Holmes St., Petal, Miss.

First Church, Philadelphia, ordained two deacons and installed seven others on Sunday night, October 24. The two newly-ordained men will serve for one-year terms, completing the unexpired terms of men who moved away from Philadelphia. Ordained and installed were Jerry Tullis and Shelton Bounds. Glenn Perry, deacon chairman, gave the charge to the church. F. M. Wiggins gave the charge to the deacons. J. Hugh Carter led the ordination prayer. The Youth Choir sang "Nobody Cared." Deacons being installed were presented copies of the Book. The Baptist Deacon; the two new deacons were presented deacon pins and their wives received corsages. Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor, brought the ordination sermon.

Ridgecrest, Jackson, Announces Plans For Building New Sanctuary

Ridgecrest Church, 428 W. Northside Drive, Jackson, voted October 24, to launch a giant long-range expansion program. This decision was made in response to recommendations presented to the church by a 51 member "Long-Range Planning and Survey Committee," Chairman, H. L. Hutcherson.

The recommendations called for the building of an auditorium of which would provide for approximately 1000 permanent seats, and that it be fan-shaped in design in order to provide for a closeness of fellowship and a maximum degree of individual participation in the total worship experience. Other provisions which centered around the auditorium were the following: suitable vestibules; baptistry facilities; choir loft; a control and projection room with facilities for radio and television broadcasting; installation of a quality sound system; a bride's room; a parlor; and reception room.

The long-range plan which was adopted also calls for the remodeling of the present auditorium. Either by new construction or by remodeling present facilities the church will provide a new and larger library, youth facilities, and a new office area. Adjustments will be made in the present structures in order to provide for educational needs.

This ambitious program is but another step in a series of steps which the church has consistently taken during its 18 year history. Ridgecrest Chapel, a mission of First Church, Jackson, was begun on May 3, 1953. The first meeting place was in a six room residence that had been occupied by a black family for forty-six years. Within a few weeks the chapel moved into a tent where meetings were held until January 10, 1954. From the tent the congregation moved to the basement of Unit 1 until the completion of the building in May 1954.

On December 20, 1953, the mission was constituted into Ridgecrest Church. Rev. Fred Tarpley, became pastor on January 1, 1954, a position which he held until October 30, 1966, when he assumed duties of Superintendent of Missions for Hinds Association.

During Tarpley's ministry four permanent units and one frame building were built; eight and one half acres of land were secured; a top quality kindergarten was added; and a lighted softball field was developed. The membership grew from 123 charter members to 1630. And \$1,353,183.00 was given to all causes. In spite of heavy indebtedness, Tarpley led the church to give \$244,000.00 to missions during his thirteen-year pastorate.

In March of 1967, Dr. Earl Kelly assumed his present position as pastor of the congregation. Ridgecrest has continued to make progress under his able leadership. During his four and one half year pastorate 810 people have joined the church; more property has been acquired and additional parking has been provided; \$184,780.00 has been given to missions; a total of \$1,230,104.00 has been given to all causes; and the church's annual income has increased from \$162,538.00 to \$305,108.00; an air-conditioned coach has been purchased; and the church staff enlarged. The present staff consists of pastor; minister of education, John Marshall; minister of music, Tom Moak; minister of youth, Jim Hardin; four secretaries, church organist, building and ground superintendent; hostesses; three kindergarten workers; and caretakers.

Almost three years ago F. E. Foster, one of the charter members, inspired the church to begin a special building fund by giving the first \$10,000.

Alabama Leads SBC

In Study Awards

NASHVILLE — Alabama (with 58,421 requests) led state conventions of the Southern Baptist Convention in number of requests for study course awards during the Oct. 1970-Sept. 1971 church year, according to statistics compiled by the research services department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Total course requests from all churches of the Southern Baptist Convention numbered 548,306. Mississippi was seventh with 33,339.

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Gomes Reports From Rio: Number Of 'Gideons' Mounts

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Mr. Gomes, who is also director of Brazil's Bible School of the Air, tells the following story of recent happenings on the "miracle lot" which was obtained against terrific odds. (A full story on this lot was previously carried in the Baptist Record.)

"Dr. Americo Nicolau de Oliveira, his wife and daughter, heard the message through radio and were converted."

"Last week they decided to offer a lunch on the ground, using the miracle lot. They invited their friends from high ranks of society as well as the church people. We had over 200 people for lunch, the church packed and overflowing."

"After lunch I called four of those doctors to see my radio Bible school office. They were touched. Then I presented to them some letters from Bible school students, (from over 30 different denominations — a group of 25,000 people). They were touched. Then I was called to pray for one of them; then for another one whose child had a birthday. One of those men is building a Catholic chapel in his home. He has spent \$18,000 on it. Well, I called him and the others to see some of our books. This doctor took a Bible in his hand and inquired, 'Is it to sell?' He bought it, and said, 'This is the first Protestant Bible I ever have seen.'"

"In our testimony hour I asked the couple to tell about their experience in providing for this lunch. She spoke first. She said they did not have enough money to pay for 86 chickens,

so she had gone to God in prayer and found Psalm 86:1, taken it as a promise, and told her husband, 'The money is coming.' Soon the bell rang. It was a lady, a customer of long before, who brought \$100 long due. As soon as she left, the couple went to pay for the chickens."

"It was said that the rain would pour on Sunday. At 7 in a prayer meeting in church, I heard Mrs. Meneses pray, 'Dear Lord, I read in your book of a prophet who prayed not to rain, and you heard him. At this time, I do not pray not to rain. I invite Jesus to take the first place in our lunch, since this is for Him. Therefore, I ask you to do your will.'"

"I knew it would not rain. It rained as near as Praca da Bandeira, four miles from the church — but it rained not in our lot!"

"There came a home servant to visit the Bible school. When she came in, we were processing programs and making tapes. She said, 'I will be a Gideon.' It is hard to believe that she will make it, but I know she will. One of our pastors said, 'I cannot pay \$300, humanly speaking, but I take the challenge.' Another wrote, 'Before my wife finished reading your letter, I said: This is from God, let us take our place.'"

Others wishing to become Gideons and to help pay for the lot where a 16-story Building of Faith will be built for Baptist work in Rio, Brazil, may send a cashier's check to Pastor David Gomes, Caixa Postal 806-ZC-00, Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil.

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Charles Lewis of Meridian, president of the Association, will preside at the buffet affair. Tickets are \$3.00 each and are now on sale at the college alumni office.

They may also be ordered through the mail by sending the required amount to Dr. F. D. Hewitt, Alumni Secretary, P. O. Box 27, Clinton, Miss., 39056.

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On this day, November 7, emphasis will be made concerning the Centennial Celebration and the building program. Lunch will be served at the noon hour. After lunch, a special program is scheduled which will conclude with a devotion by the pastor, Rev. Hugh Arnold. The public is invited.



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Sunday School Lesson: International

God Sustains The Universe He Created

By Clifton J. Allen
Psalm 104; Acts 14:15-17; Colossians 1:15-17.

The subject of the lessons for these three months is "The Doctrine of God." The approach in this course of study is to seek the truth about God through consideration of what he does and how he works. The lesson before us emphasizes the truth that God sustains the universe he created and, especially, makes the earth fruitful for all the types of life he created to live on the earth. God is the Creator and Lord of the entire universe, and his majesty and power and wisdom and goodness are wonderfully revealed in natural law, in the abundance and diversity of the kinds of life on the earth, and in the way he has ordained that man should respond to his goodness with praise and trust and faithful stewardship.

The Lesson Explained
The Greatness of God as Creator (vv. 1-9)

Verses 1-4 describe the wonder of God's heavenly realm, his abode, in which he lives and moves. The psalmist hints at God's majesty and power and wisdom by saying that God covers himself with light. He stretched out the heavens, by his creation, like a tent; he laid the beams of his abode on the firmament; he makes the clouds his chariot, the winds his messengers, and fire and flame his ministers. In other words, God created, and God is controlling. Verses 5-9 point more particularly to the earth, hardly more than a speck in the vast



created universe. But the earth is the scene of God's self-revelation to man. God turned chaos into order. He created the waters, the oceans, the seas. He created the mountains. He established the valleys. He set bounds and limitations. All these images used by the psalmist merge into a poetic description to declare the majesty and greatness of God as the Creator of the universe who is actively controlling the universe, and who works through the processes of the universe to execute his will and to accomplish his purpose.

God a Sustainer and Provider (vv. 27-30)

Verses 10-26 are not included in the printed lesson text, but they are essential for our consideration. They are a succession of declarations and poetic descriptions of how God sustains what he has created and provides for everything. Plant life, animal life, and human life are wonderfully sustained by the very nature of things God established and maintains.

Verses 27-30 impress the truth of the dependence of all living creatures on God as provider, on God's infinite generosity in giving to man all good things. And along with this, God has put into the very nature of all living things the forces of propagation and the inclination to preservation. Particularly to all animate life and to man on the highest level, God has given the instinct to gather food for self-preservation. Yet God also withholds from man and beast, because life is in his hands. Death is also a part of God's provision for life. Even so, God renews the face of the earth. And we know that there is life beyond death, and there is a resurrection of

the body.
Praise To the Lord

With us, as with the psalmist, it is appropriate to break forth in praise to the Almighty. "O Lord, how manifold are thy works!" His wisdom and power and goodness are revealed in the innumerable kinds of life he has created, in the beauty and orderliness and strength and resourcefulness of his creation, and in the inexhaustible treasures and mysteries in the creation which men are discovering through the use of God-given skills and instruments which God has allowed them to create. The yearning of people of faith should be that they will have humility and insight to recognize the majesty and goodness of God in his creation and give grateful praise to him as long as they live. We have no right to pray for the destruction of sinners from the earth; but rather let us pray that sinners will be converted to the Lord and that they, too, may join with all believers in praise.

Truths to Live By
We live in God's World if we live in God's world, we ourselves belong to God. We are dependent on him. We are meant to be concerned to fulfill his purpose. We should be aware of our stewardship. We should seek to relate ourselves properly to all other persons who live in God's world. We live in a world order marked by war, poverty, the waste and desecration of natural resources, the pollution of God's good earth, and the ravages of sin and death. But this is still God's world. The wrath of men can be made to praise him.

We learn about God from his creation. — How manifold are God's works! We have light and darkness.

We have food and drink. We have mountains and seas. Consider the beauty of a rose, the endless variety of shades of color in flowers and grass and leaves and cloud and ocean. Consider the mystery and reality of conversation with men on the moon, of the power of nuclear force, and of human genius and skill to create space ships and nuclear weapons. Consider how bees make honey and how a virus spreads disease. Consider how life is propagated by procreation. Consider the wonder of human personality, with powers of thought, of capacity for faith and love toward God. And behind these facts and realities about life on the earth is the fact of God, the infinite wisdom and resourcefulness of God, the trustworthiness of God, and the certainty that God has a holy purpose in all his creation.

We are the agents of God's purpose. — It is God's intention that man shall use the forces of the natural world in ways to honor God and in ways to bless mankind. It is not God's design that man shall make machines for the destruction of mankind, or for the exploitation of human beings. Instead, God's design is that man shall turn the resources of the natural world into wholesome industry, productive labor, provision for human need, the conquest of disease, and the enrichment of men's life as a moral and spiritual being accountable to God. We are entrusted with life in the earth to make preparation for eternity and to do the works of God in Christ which will point to the time when Christ himself will make all things new in the realm of his glory.

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Jesus Meets Man's Deepest Need

Luke 5:18-32
By Bill Duncan

Too many of our actions are only intended to help with the surface problems. We are busy people and we take care of the needs of our family and friends in such a way that we never meet the real problems. Today the needy turn to the community for help and there are agencies supported by government and private funds that can do just about anything possible. But only the Gospel of Christ can meet the deepest need. Most people do not want to admit



their deepest need. They do not want to admit that they are sinners. They may admit that they have a problem. But to admit that they have sinned against God is too hard. Therefore the deepest need is never met.

Jesus meets Man's deepest need.
Jesus was in a house teaching when this miracle took place. There were present Pharisees and teachers of the law. The Pharisees were purist sect of Jewish religion. In their zeal for the scripture, they made rules designed to interpret the scriptures and to direct people in observing them. At the time of Jesus the Pharisee's religious expression had degenerated to an empty ceremony. Obviously they were present to hear and to gain material to oppose Jesus.

Friends of a paralytic had such faith and concern for their friend that they found a way to Jesus when the doors were blocked to the house. They lowered him through the roof by removing the tiles. The men who brought the man expressed such faith that Jesus honored their actions.

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2,000 Young People See 'Two A Penny' In Sarawak, Malaysia

About 34 children from non-Christian homes are enrolled in a Sunday afternoon song and Bible story time at the home of Missionaries Bob and Dorothy Evans in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. Also, 20 to 40 young people show up on Friday nights for recreation at the Baptist Gospel Center adjoining the Evans residence.

Last summer the couple rented a 300-seat hall for showing the new movie "Two A Penny." On the first night the hall was half filled. "The second night we looked out on a sea of about 1,000 faces," the Evanses write. About 600 persons were there on the third night.

Today's Youth

Student Night At Christmas

Saskatoon: A Student's Story

By Linda Lawson

When his home church has its Student Night at Christmas service, December 26, Bob Brandon will have something to share. Bob is one of eight University of Washington students who last summer spent nine weeks on a mission-witnessing assignment in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Canada.

Supported by a grant from National Student Ministries and faith that God would supply their needs, the students and their BSU director Miss Margaret Shelton had as their number one ministry the University of Saskatchewan.

The BSUs witnessed to the students. They started Bible study groups. They became actively involved in Faith Baptist Church, the only Baptist church in Saskatoon. They held Bible schools, youth and children's camps and worked on several Indian reservations. They coordinated their efforts with two touring youth choirs from Arkansas and Texas. In all, more than 200 persons accepted Christ during those nine weeks.

And that's not all. One of the BSUs, Joe Rust, is spending the year in Saskatoon helping to build Baptist student work on the campus. "The objective was to personally grow in commitment to the person of Jesus Christ and also to lead others to desire to do the same thing," says Mrs. Shelton. "We saw it happen!"

These students and thousands of others in the nearly 800 BSUs across the country demonstrate daily on campus and in special mission projects that there is "Unlimited Creativity in Christ," the 1971 Student Night at Christmas theme.

Students have experiences to share with members of their home churches. And Student Night at Christmas is the time. "Student Night at Christmas provides an opportunity for college and university students to communicate directly with home churches about their Christian witness on campus," said Charles Roselle, secretary, National Student Ministries. "The campus program may be ever so effective but incomplete without the assistance of the home church."

Bob Brandon and other Baptist students across the country will be offering a challenge and presenting an opportunity to members of their home churches on December 26. The challenge is this: the revolutionary nature of the Christian faith offers the Christian student — and any person willing to accept it — Unlimited Creativity in Christ.



Quitman Youth Choir To Sing Folk Cantata

The Youth Choir, First Church, Quitman, Rev. Joe B. Walker, pastor and Joe E. Joslin, minister of music and youth is now busy preparing for District Choral Festival and for music to be presented at Christmas. This year's Christmas feature will be the folk cantata, "SHEPHERDS REJOICE." Plans for next year include a summer choir tour singing the musical "LIFE." This past summer the choir performed the folk musical, "Purpose," in several churches over the state.



White Bible Given To Pearson Bride

The WMU of Pearson Church (Rankin) presented Miss Cathy Sorey with a white Bible prior to her marriage to S. V. "Buddy" Casey. In the ceremony at the church, each of twelve women presented Miss Sorey with a yellow carnation. Mrs. Marquis Peoples, WMU director, tied the bouquet and Mrs. Barlow Slay, BYW president, presented the Bible. Rev. Arnold Norsworthy, pastor, also took part in the program. Pictured are, standing, l to r: Mrs. John Rushing, Mrs. James Johnson, Mrs. Jimmy Cooper, Mrs. Connie Bush, Pastor Norsworthy, Mrs. Nelson Sellers, Mrs. Charles Lindsey, Mrs. Ed Daryl, Seated: Mrs. Marquis Peoples, Mrs. Lynn Weeks, Mrs. Tonny Methvin, Mrs. Irvin Lott, Mrs. Maude Livingston, Mrs. Barlow Slay. Miss Sorey is seated at center.

MC Debate Squad To Compete In Western Kentucky

The Mississippi College debate squad will open 1971 competition the week-end of November 12-13 as they traveled to Western Kentucky University to compete against teams from throughout the South.

The squad has been working hard gathering information on this year's national debate topic: Resolved, that greater controls should be imposed on the gathering and utilization of information about United States citizens by government agencies.

There will be six two-man teams composing this year's squad. Composing the squad will be Karen McElveen, Louis Magee and Anne Sullivan, all of Tylertown; Betty Walsh, Liberty; Charles Tope, Biloxi; Gail Reese, Lexington; Gayle Long, Tupelo; Cheryl Evans, Clinton; Jerry McBride and Tommy Avenmarg, both from Jackson; David Ringer, Marietta, Fla.; and Jefflyn Davis, Louisville.

The squad will host a novice debate tourney at Mississippi College on Nov. 21, with novice debaters from the surrounding junior and senior colleges participating.

Dr. Hollis Todd, chairman of the department of speech and drama, is serving as debate coach, assisted by Dr. Julia Todd, associate professor of speech and drama.

POWERLINE

LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

By PAUL M. STEVENS

Director, SBC Radio-Television Commission

Problems answered in this column are from actual letters to "Powerline," teen music program heard on 550 radio stations.

CARING PARENTS MERIT RESPECT

Dear Powerline:

I'm 16 and pretty mature, but my parents won't let me date a boy who is 20. Just because he's in the Air Force, they think he thinks, acts and does everything older than his age. Don't tell me my parents are right, because they're not perfect.

In other words, "Give me some advice, but make it the kind I like." Par for the course. But in telling me only what I CANNOT say, you've left yourself open for a couple of things I CAN say.

First, you're right. But don't let that give you a Humpty-Dumpty head just yet. You're right in saying I can't tell you your parents are right. No way. I don't have enough details. And you're right in saying your parents aren't perfect. That is, if they're human—and how else could they have such a very human offspring (namely, you)?

But there's something you

seem to be overlooking about your parents. They ARE your parents. They've got a whole of a responsibility: YOU. And it's apparent, they love you enough to want to see that you have every chance for a full and useful life. That involves protecting you from unknown as well as known dangers. For example, how do your parents KNOW this boy isn't one of these clowns who try to use the armed services as a shield for irresponsible behavior toward girls. Give them time to KNOW he's not and maybe they'll change.

Meanwhile, how about talking to God about this duo of dogmatic adults that's trying to run your life. He's got some interesting words on the subject; like: "Honor your father and mother." That means respect and obey them even when they seem wrong. It's a command with a promise—long, fruitful life. You might close the conversation by thanking God for giving you the kind of parents who care.

Off The Record

And then there was the woman who said to her husband, "Be an angel and let me drive the car, and be is."

Professor: Never mind the date. The examination is more important. Freshman: Well, Sir, I want to have something right on my paper.

One for the Wall
A lady who had always wanted to study art finally took her first lesson from a well known artist. She brought her first drawing to him for criticism. "Not bad," he mused, "but let's see how we can improve it!"

The novice watched with open-mouthed wonder as, with a few deft strokes and some shading he transformed her modest effort into a dramatic and eye-catching picture. "That's marvelous!" she exclaimed. "I'll buy it." —Quote

Wrong Tactic
"I've worked here for eight years," an employee said to his boss, "and I've been doing the work of three men. I want a raise."

"I can't give you a raise," the boss answered, "but if you'll tell me who the other two men are, I'll fire them."

Whad do you call a group of militant Eskimos? Cold Power.

Communication Failure
A taxi-driver reports this exchange when he pulled to the head of an untidy queue at Victoria (Station, London). A woman hustled into his cab by a harassed policeman immediately protested: "But I don't want this taxi!"

"Don't be ridiculous," replied the policeman, "you can't pick and choose your taxi!"

The driver then turned to ask the woman's destination — and met the exclamation, "I don't want a taxi at all! I was just trying to cross the road." —Daily Telegraph, London

Revival Dates

Ridgecrest, Jackson: October 31-Nov. 7; services at 7:30 p.m.; Vincent Cervena, pictured, full-time evangelist, preaching; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor.

Devotional

What God Is

By W. B. Abel, Noxapater

SUBJECT—"God Is (a) Spirit"

TEXT: John 4:2 "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

These solemn words were spoken by Jesus to the woman at the well. His objectives were at least two-fold: First, to help her understand the true nature of God, being a spirit, invisible, immortal, omnipotent and omniscient. It is the one to determine what pleases him and is acceptable to him. The truth that "God is spirit," by position in the sentence, implies that a knowledge of God is the first requirement for worship. Jesus further said that the Jews knew what they worshiped, but Samaritans did not know what they worshiped.

A limited understanding of God and his nature is essential to true worship. God is not limited to places, to set times. He is everywhere in all his divine nature all the time. The heavens cannot contain him, much less a mountain or a building.

The revealed nature of God determines the requirements for worship: "They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." This kind of worship corresponds to the nature of God. The two-fold statement, "In spirit and in truth," is comprehensive when rightly understood. "In spirit" means it must be in the inward man. It involves the spirit of man. It is the appointed function of the spirit of man. It is not a spiritual action. One may place the body in all the positions of worship, such as standing, kneeling and prostrate on the face, and yet not worship. One may be in the place dedicated to God, at the time appointed, and yet not worship. All the sacred words commonly used in worship may be repeated without an experience of worship. It is the spirit of man, renewed, humble, sincere, reverent in fellowship with God.

The two words "in truth" strip worship of all formalities, customs, rituals, and confine it to reality. All kinds of worship must be in spirit and in truth; so should our public worship.

Jesus said, "For God seeketh such to worship him." God is ever urging us to give him this high and holy devotion of our hearts. This is the only worship worth the effort. Thus worship is the finite spirit of man in holy, conscious praise and adoration of the infinite God, who is spirit. "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker" (Psalms 95:6).

Furrs Sanctuary Is Now Debtfree

At a recent church fellowship meeting, the Furrs Church celebrated the final payment of the sanctuary.

The sanctuary, erected in 1966, was to be paid for over a period of ten years.

At this fellowship meeting, W. L. Malone was presented a Bible, recognizing his twenty years service as Sunday School superintendent. Rev. Henning Andrews is pastor.

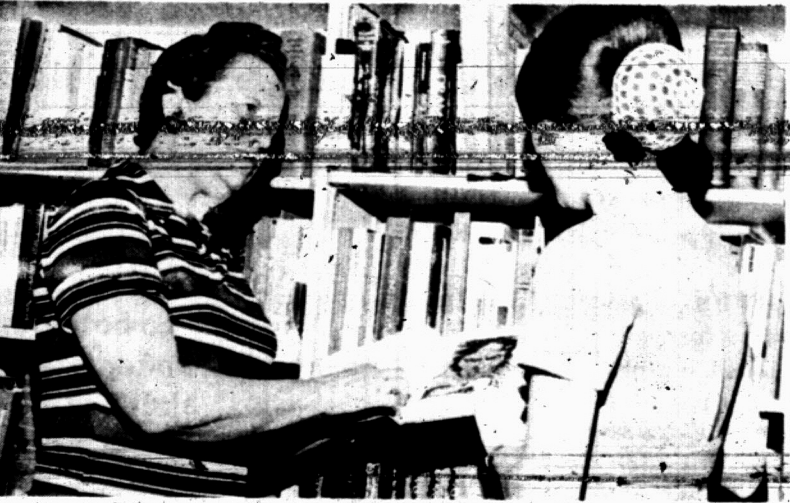
REMEMBER This one thing—you are contagious. Whatever you have, some people who love you are going to pick it up from you.—Bob Harrington in *Motivating Men for the Master* by Broadman Press.)

REVIVAL RESULTS

Oakland Heights, Meridian: October 17-22, Rev. James Fancher, fulltime church evangelist, evangelist; 14 professions of faith; 7 by letter; several rededications; Rev. John G. Brock, pastor.

First Church, Columbia: Rev. Buddy Mathis, 17-year-old high school senior of Pascagoula (son of Rev. and Mrs. Byron Mathis, pastor of Calvary, Pascagoula) evangelist; 64 decisions including 12 professions of faith, eight additions by letter, and 44 rededications. The pastor, Dr. Howard H. Auman, states, "This young man preaches with the wisdom of a seasoned preacher, the intellect of a seminar graduate, and the fervor of a flame of fire. I heartily recommend him to other churches needing services of the type evangelism."

Chairman, Division Of Humanities, Begins Thirteenth Year At Mississippi College



Dr. Sarah Rouse, at left, finds time to assist a student.

Teaching courses in Senior literature and serving as chairman of the Division of Humanities are just two of the duties which Dr. Sarah Rouse performs at Mississippi College.

Even though these two jobs take up a good deal of her time, she always greets any visitor to her office with a smile and will stop her work to lend assistance to anyone—from a graduate student working on his thesis to a scared freshman reporter on her first interview.

This is a main part of Dr. Rouse's charm.

Dr. Rouse is always doing something. She loves to stay busy.

Outside of her duties at Mississippi College, she serves as the Chairman of the English Commission of Mississippi, composed of the heads of the Departments of English of junior and senior colleges all over Mississippi, and is the president of Mississippi's Women's Cabinet of Public Affairs.

She also takes out time to teach the college freshmen Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church, Clinton.

A part of Dr. Rouse's charm is probably a result of the varied and interesting life she has led.

She graduated from William Carey College in Hattiesburg. Her husband, Dr. Irving E. Rouse, who served as president of William Carey, graduated from Mississippi College and was ordained as a minister in First Church, Clinton. After they were married he was pastor of a church in Louisville and later of Temple Church, Hattiesburg.

It was while he was pastor in Hat-

American Association of University Women. For the past four years she has been chairman of the Division of Humanities at Mississippi College.

A favorite topic of discussion with Dr. Rouse how is the trip she took in her "spare time" this past summer.

Accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Quarles, English instructor at MC; Lou Stokes, 1970 graduate of the college; Judy Morrison, a graduate student; and Louis Magee, a sophomore; Dr. Rouse went on an eight-week tour of Europe in connection with the American Institute for Foreign Study, headquartered in Greenwich, Conn.

She had taken a similar tour with this same organization in the summer of 1969, spending most of her time in Scotland.

In Europe, she spent six weeks at Birkbeck College at the University of London, where she took courses in drama and English literature. The remaining two weeks found her in France, Switzerland, Italy, Scotland, Belgium, and Canterbury and visiting such famous places as Stonehenge and Wesley Chapel.

From all of her activities, it seems that Dr. Rouse would make a very good example for the Women's Liberation movement. She does believe that a woman should be recognized for her merits as a person and should receive the same pay as a man would for the same job, but she also believes that a woman can do this and still remain a lady.

Dr. Rouse is a living example that it is possible to be a lady and a person without unreasonably compromising either.



Outdoor Baptismal Service Held At McHenry

First Church, McHenry, holds baptismal services in the stream pictured above. Persons baptized there on October 3 by the pastor, Rev. Ralph V. Miller, were, l to r: Debbie Hollimon, Cecil Ray Hollimon, Kathy Danzey, Cecil Hollimon, Calvin Rogers, and Randall Miller. Debbie, Kathy, and Calvin were converted during the recent revival in which Rev. Harvey Thornton of Long Beach was evangelist. The others came in weeks following the revival. (The baptismal service waited for a day of bright weather.)